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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Bob Francis et al.  
Application No.: 09/757,722 Confirmation No.: 8367  
Filed : January 8, 2001  
For : METHOD OF PREBIDDING IN A COMBINED AUCTION  
FORMAT  
Group Art Unit : 3624  
Examiner : Thu Thao Havan

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006,  
applicants respectfully request that the following amendments to  
the application be entered by the Examiner:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.